

TEACHERS' PAY BILLS VETOED BY MITCHELL

Relief From Discrimination
Promised Through Investi-
gating Committee.

15 MEASURES APPROVED

One Transfers Water Supply
Police to the City
Department.

Mayor Mitchell has approved fifteen and vetoed eight of the bills affecting this city which the Legislature passed. Among those vetoed are the Boylan and Foley bills raising the pay of teachers. One which he signed increases the police traffic squad from 500 to 1,000 men, and another permits the special policemen of the aqueduct watershed to become patrolmen in the New York Police Department.

In vetoing the Boylan bill, which would raise the first year pay of all teachers in the elementary grades from \$720 to \$900, the salary which men teachers got before the equal pay law became effective, the Mayor says he is informed by the Board of Education that the bill would add more than \$2,000,000 to the city's budget. He promises relief through an investigating committee for teachers who have been discriminated against. He says:

"It is hoped by this method the minds of the teachers will be set at rest so that their attention will be focused on their class work instead of on mandatory legislation calling for increases of salary."

He gives these four reasons for vetoing the Boylan bill:

Violates Home Rule Principles.

"1. That the plan of the bill drawn in its mandatory form violates the principles of home rule.

"2. That the Board of Education now has the power to deal with this situation without legislation if there be a real necessity therefor. If it is determined that power is not at present vested in the Board of Education to accomplish necessary results, permissive bills will be drawn and presented at the next Legislature.

"3. I have conferred with the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Education, and we have agreed that the educational committee of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be chosen by that board, in the preparation of a revised list of salaries for the teaching staff, due consideration being given, however, to the resulting increase in the budget. It is hoped that this joint committee will be able before the next regular session of the Legislature to present a plan to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Education that will be acceptable to both bodies and that will afford relief to those teachers who may have been discriminated against.

To Look Into Teachers' Salaries.

"4. Seeking aid at Albany creates an unsettled condition in the minds of the teachers. I have therefore suggested this plan of a joint committee to investigate the salary schedules and recommend such alterations as the budget will be able to bear at the present time."

As to the Foley bill, which would give women teachers in the seventh and eighth grades the same salaries that men teachers got before the adoption of the equal pay schedules, the Mayor points out that the teachers say it would add only \$340,000 to the budget, whereas the estimate of the auditor of the Board of Education is between \$1,100,000 and \$1,500,000.

"Would a prudent business manager embark on any scheme where the estimates of probable cost vary to such an extent, and furthermore without any apparent impeachment of the motives of the people who have submitted these estimates?" asks the Mayor. He vetoes the bill for the same reason, he vetoes the Boylan bill, and because "of the great addition to the budget the acceptance of this bill would require."

He also disapproved the bill of Senator Carswell providing for an advisory board of fifteen members to approve school text books. At present the text books are recommended by the Board of Superintendents to a committee of the Board of Education. The Mayor says: "It may be that a better plan than the present one could be devised, but I do not think the one proposed in this bill will insure any better conditions than the present method." The Board of Education opposed the bill.

Bills Approved by Mayor.

Here are the bills approved by the Mayor:

Senate bill No. 977, transferring the Board of Water Supply police to the Police Department.

The objection was made at the public hearing on this bill that different physical tests were prescribed for regular policemen and the police force of the Board of Water Supply. An executive order, however, requiring the Police Commissioner to prescribe physical tests in each case before he give his consent of transfer will meet this objection. I have decided to issue such an executive order and accept this bill for the city."

Senate bill No. 1567, providing for the deposit of \$100 pending appeal in abandonment proceedings.

Senate bill No. 1573, providing for the deposit of cash bail in abandonment proceedings.

Senate bill No. 834, providing that arrests made in The Bronx are to be taken care of in the night court.

Senate bill No. 1369, companion bill to No. 1367, providing that a magistrate may take cash bail in abandonment proceedings.

Senate bill No. 1055—Comptroller is to include the new counts of The Bronx in his statement to the Board of Aldermen, showing amounts necessary to be raised by taxation.

Senate bill No. 1054—Comptroller is to include the counts of The Bronx in his statement to the Board of Aldermen, showing the necessary salaries that are to be raised for county officials.

Summons for Factory Violators.

Senate bill No. 1209, permitting the serving of a summons instead of making an arrest for violations of the Fire Department rules in factories.

Senate bill No. 1536, providing for the registration of births where the physician or midwife has died and giving extraordinary powers to the Commissioner of Health.

Senate bill No. 1228, authorizing the Chamberlain to pay into the city treasury sums now in his custody arising out of appropriations made by the Board of Supervisors of the county of New York.

Senate bill No. 1422, allowing the Department of Parks to give vacation to their employees in other months than June, July, August and September.

Senate bill No. 1214, raising the traffic squad from 500 to 1,000 men.

Assembly bill No. 1231, placing the Census Bureau under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education. The control is now vested in a board consisting of the Mayor, the City Superintendent and the Police Commissioner.

Assembly bill No. 1127, providing for the issuance of notes by the Comptroller in satisfaction of tax levies.

Assembly bill No. 1211, providing that the Water Board may establish rules and regulations for the protection of the bridges and roads constructed by it.

The vetoed bills, in addition to those already mentioned, are:

Senate bill No. 1084, providing for the division of local assessments into twenty parts under certain conditions. At present the assessment may be divided into ten parts. The Mayor says a division into twenty parts would unduly impair the city's borrowing capacity.

Senate bill No. 1210, making certain changes in favor of commissioners of deeds, including waiving the 25-cent fee.

Senate bill No. 1211, known as the Suckey bill, companion bill to the one recently vetoed by the Mayor, known as the McGee bill.

Assembly bill No. 1012, compelling the

TO SPEAK BY MUSOLAPHONE.

Device Will Carry Talk at Women Teachers' Reception.

The eighth annual reception of the Interborough Association of Women Teachers will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria next Saturday evening. The Astor Gallery, Colonial room and halls and the entire Thirty-fourth street side of the hotel have been reserved and will be wired for the distribution of music and speeches by the musolaphone, a variation of the dictaphone. Exhibitions of folk and modern dancing and moving pictures are also planned.

Two Swedish dances, the Skantka

quadrille and the Gammal polka, will be given, the dancers, many of whom are members of the association, wearing Swedish costumes. The folk dances will be followed by demonstrations of modern dances. The Venetian furlana and the Pavlova gavotte will be danced by Miss Anna Torrey and Dana Clark, the maxixe and onestep by Miss Margaret Chapin and Jack Sloan and the hesitation and half-and-half by Miss Evelyn Kingsley and Gerard Garner-Smith.

Educational pictures will be shown and songs will be sung by Mme. Baroness, Mr. Hawn and Mr. O'Byrne, which will be conveyed to all the rooms simultaneously by the musolaphone. Two minute speeches through the musolaphone will

then be made by Gov. Glynn, Mayor Mitchell, President Churchill of the Board of Education and Miss Grace Strachan, president of the Interborough Association of Women Teachers.

Supper will be served in the Astor Gallery and the Seventh Regiment Band will play for dancing.

Jumps to Death at Hospital.

Peter Newton, 73 years old, who had been a patient in St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, since January 27, when he was fished out of the East River, jumped to his death from the third floor of the hospital yesterday.

ESTATE GOES TO DAUGHTERS.

Share of W. H. Montanye's Son Withheld Because of Debt.

Augustus Van Wyck, appointed referee to hear and account of the acts of Francis S. McAvoy, as trustee under the will of William H. Montanye, a spice merchant and member of the Seventh Regiment in the Supreme Court. It shows total assets of \$184,890 collected by Mr. McAvoy. Of this amount \$140,000 was received from the sale of the property at 14 West Broadway and 70 Barclay street, where Mr. Montanye operated the Liscomb spice mill.

The report shows that of three sons of William H., only one, George Edward Montanye, is still alive. He is a Union Railway Company clerk. Under his father's will Mr. Montanye would receive one-sixth of the net estate of \$100,000, which is to be distributed by order of the referee, but his share is withheld because of an indebtedness to the estate. He was one of the trustees who were removed by the Surrogate in 1907 and were ordered to account for \$74,137, which has never been paid to the estate.

The estate will be distributed among Mr. Montanye's three daughters, Bertha L. Montanye, Mrs. Mabel Brumby and Mrs. Emma F. M. Butler, and the estate of Lewis F. Montanye, one of the late sons.

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